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LOST OPPORTUNITIES

A very interesting bit of Church History appears in the Travels of Marco Polo, the account of the Polo brothers and the famous son, Marco Polo to the great China Empire of Kublai Kahn in the thirteenth century. The Polo brothers had made the long and hazardous journey across mountains and deserts to the little-known land China in the Far East. and had been treated with no lack of hospitality and friendliness.

After a time, the Polo Brothers began to prepare for their long journey back home. Kublai Kahn entreated the Polo brothers to accompany one of his officials to Rome on a Mission to the sea of Rome. His object he told them, "was to make a request to his holiness that he would send him a hundred men of learning, thoroughly acquainted with the principles of the Christian religion, as well as the seven arts, and qualified to prove to the learned of his dominions by just and fair argument that the faith possessed by Christians is superior to, and founded upon more evident truth than any other." An attempt to fulfill this request was made, but due to a number of circumstances, some of them unavoidable, the Christian missioners never arrived in China to undertake the great task that was open to them. And thus has the coming of the brotherhood of men on earth been hindered and delayed. However, the lesson is obvious---surely this is one of the greatest "lost opportunities" in history.

Christian Youth today! Be on your guard that you do not allow opportunities to slip from your grasp because of indifferent attitudes, through failure to educate yourself to the best of your ability, through reluctance to dedicate yourselves to the service of mankind rather than to your own selfish interests and pursuits. The challenge of the crisis of the age is almost too great for our comprehension and for our strength but we must realize that the pattern of our Christian service is forming itself surely day by day in the quality of our consecration to Christ and is reflected in the degree to which we participate in the program of the Church of Christ in Poston. Is our service to the Church spasmodic and fitful-suiting to our own convenience or is it really a pouring out unstintingly of loving service?

Our Father, who art in Heaven, we know that we have done things that we ought not to have done, and have left undone those things that we ought to have done. Forgive us, we pray, and strengthen us in our resolve to grow in grace that we may accomplish all that Thou hast for us to do in our Church, in our country, and for the building of Thy Kingdom of brotherhood in all the lands of the earth.

--Alice Grube--

departures--

We pray God's blessing to be with those who departed from our midst recently:

Fumi Kuramoto, Clearfield, Utah
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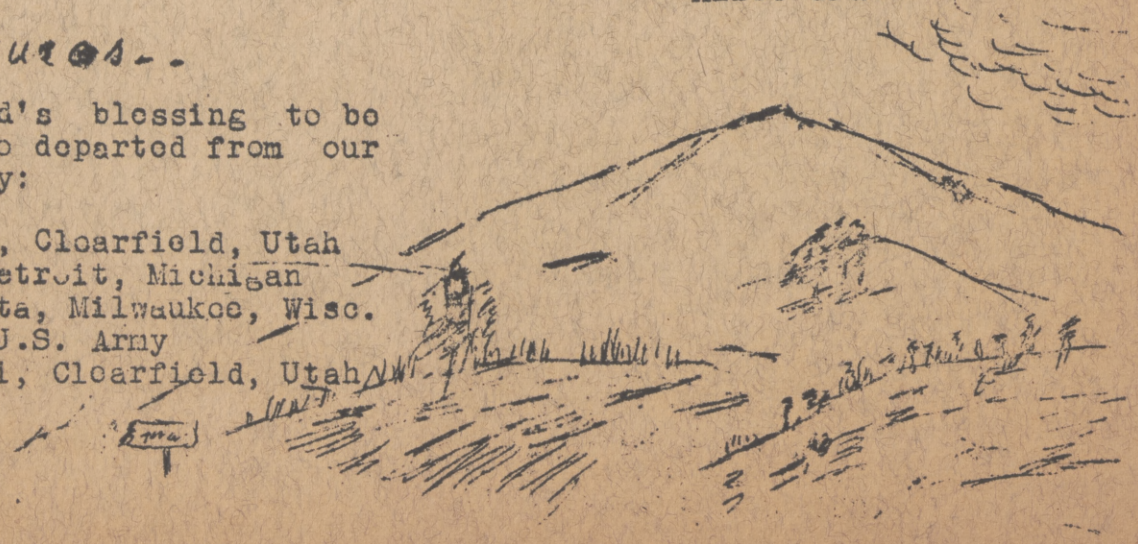

A TESTIMONY

I started a new life in Poston when I began to realize Christ as my personal Saviour and surrendered my life to him. The faith that I have in God through Christ gives my life a solid support. God gives me courage to follow Him since He has taken away all my sins.

I have received much inspiration, through attending church, listening to the messages, praying, and singing the hymns.

The teaching of Christ has two great themes: that is, man's relationship to God, and man's relationship to his fellowmen. I'm very glad that I have discovered the riches that Christ has for me in the Christian way of life.

Frank Sakaguchi

EXCERPT...

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Here I am in Chicago, trying to get used to a new experience which started about a week ago. I am in good health and am among swell Christian friends.

By the way, how is every one getting along? Any more church members deciding to go out? How is your faith in the Lord? Well, anyway, keep it up and be not ashamed of His name.

I am now staying at the C.E.I. Working around school as a gardener, pulling weeds and grass out of the yard. I'm actually working harder than I wanted to. The school is located among the lower class of people, mostly Negroes. As was said to me by one of the students, "The school was placed here all around this community in order to be more effective". I think that is right. There are about 200 students during school term and that is plenty for such a small school building. Right now, there are about 30 people staying during the summer and they really are nice and friendly.

Chicago to me is too big and dirty. There are so many places I want to visit, but I can't make up my mind to go or not.

Whenever I think of those meetings and fellowship in Christ, it gives me a feeling of going back. I really miss each and everyone of you, your songs, your faces, and friendship. Please remember me in your prayers and write to me and I promise to answer. Thank you for all that you did for me.

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A Blessing in PRAYER

If when I kneel to pray,
With eager lips I say,
"Lord, give me all the things that
I desire--
Health, wealth, fame, friends,
brave heart, religious fire,
The power to sway my fellow men
at will,
And strength for mighty works to
banish ill"--
In such a prayer as this
The blessing I must miss.

Or if I only dare
To raise this fainting prayer:
"Thou seest, Lord, that I am poor
and weak,
And cannot tell what things I
ought to seek;
I therefore do not ask at all,
but still
I trust Thy bounty all my wants
to fill"--
My lips shall thus grow dumb,
The blessing shall not come.

But if I lowly fall,
And thus in faith I call:
"Through Christ, O Lord, I pray
Thee give to me
Nor what I would, but what seems
best to Thee
Of life, of health, of service,
and of strength,
Until to Thy full joy I come at
length"--
My prayer shall then avail;
The blessing shall not fail.

Charles F. Richardson